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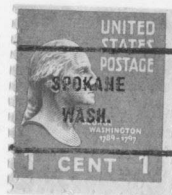
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## European Scholar Joins Faculty

Professor Ruth Grob, Ph.D., has accepted the position of teacher of French and German. Our first contact with Dr. Grob was through



our Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, and upon investigation we found her admirably qualified for the important work of taking the place of Professor Otto G. Bachimont, who recently resigned. She is a linguist of distinction, having her training in Latin, Greek, Italian, French, and German. She received her Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1941 magna cum laude from the University of Zurich, Switzerland. Five years of her life have been spent as a parish worker in a Swiss Evangelical Reformed Church. She has taught languages at the Girls' College in Zurich and at the Evangelical Teachers' College in Zurich.

We feel unusually fortunate in being able to obtain the leadership in our language work of one who is eminently trained for teaching. Dr. Grob is a young woman, and we are sure from our correspondence and interview that she will quickly fit into our American college life.

She takes the place of one who

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## Commencement 1948

With the largest class in our history, with both baccalaureate and commencement blessed with perfect weather, with stirring addresses, and with great crowds, commencement could not but be a momentous occasion. The baccalaureate service on Sunday night, June 13, was a colorful, stirring hour. The First Presbyterian Church was packed to capacity, and the choir under Professor Anders arose in its usual way to the occasion and thrilled the audience with its heart-warming anthems. Dr. F. Paul McConkey directed the attention of the class to the future as he spoke on the faith of Abraham that had sent him out into the unknown.

On Monday morning at 10 o'clock the procession, made up of more than 150 people in colorful academic regalia, as they marched into Jay P. Graves Hall, found an auditorium filled with the largest audience that we have ever had for commencement.

Each commencement is unique in itself, and to the seniors of every class there will be certain things remembered by them alone. Members of the senior class expressed their appreciation for the address of Dr. Philip F. Ashton on the subject of "Character in Today's World." He impressed upon all the fact that the greatest need of our world today is at this very point, and Whitworth and every other Christian college in America must guard well their heritage of Christian education and make sure that they send out men and women of strong Christian character who will give guidance to our troubled world.

A total of 101 men and women received degrees and diplomas. This included 58 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 22 Bachelor of Science degrees, 16 Bachelor of Education degrees, 2 Master of Arts degrees, and 3 Doctor of Divinity degrees.

## Cowles Memorial Library Nearing Completion

It is now evident that the Harriet Cheney Cowles Memorial Library will be completely finished in ample time for the beginning of a new school year. The construction of the building is now complete and now the finishing work is under way. Hundreds of visitors already have seen the building and are amazed at its spacious rooms and interior beauty and practicalness. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the building is 100 per cent fireproof and therefore is one in which can be housed not only our ever growing library but also rare volumes and precious documents.

An additional gift of \$18,000 from Mr. W. H. Cowles, Jr. and his sister, Mrs. John Graham, provides for the completion of rooms on the first floor which will be used for journalism, visual education, and a faculty lounge room. The donors of this building will also bear the expense of the steel stacks. The administration of the college is responsible for purchasing the library tables, an additional 250 oak chairs, and other necessary equipment for the library.

The board of trustees, the administration, and the faculty sense their great indebtedness to the Cowles family for this magnificent gift.

Monday, June 14, also was the time of the spring meeting of the board of trustees. Splendid optimism prevailed as administration and board members faced the future of the college in the light of what happened at the commencement season. All expressed their feeling that Whitworth must continue as a Christian college loyal to the Church and to the monumental task of giving spiritual guidance to its large student body.

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## Your Help Is Needed *Now!*

Every summer is a busy one at Whitworth, but from all appearances, this one will be the busiest. Because we are moving into our new library, the whole wing of McMillan Hall which has housed the library all these years must be converted into dormitory rooms for women before fall.

The income of the college during the summer months is low because summer school is, of course, very small in comparison with the registration of the academic year. We shall need from our many friends some very liberal gifts to take care of the construction of these rooms.

The Science Hall is not yet complete. Carpenters and plumbers are busy daily in finishing the laboratories for the Chemistry Department. When completed, these rooms will be comparable in size and modern equipment with the chemistry laboratories of any school.

The board of trustees in recent meeting authorized the president to raise this summer \$20,000 to finance the construction already under way and to buy the necessary furniture for the new library. Our friends should be interested in knowing that the chairs alone for the library will cost \$2,000. New tables for the reading rooms will cost \$1060. Racks for magazines and newspapers will cost another \$500, and this totals \$3560 which must yet be raised this summer for new equipment for the library.

We urge our many friends throughout the country who have watched the growth of the college with interest and a sense of satisfaction to share with us in financing this work. Because our friends have been so liberal in the past, we have been able to construct the buildings that have been essential and to see our col-

lege grow from a small institution to one which by its size, its staff, its scholarship, and its spirituality commands the respect of Christian people everywhere. Your gift to Whitworth this summer will be of wonderful help and encouragement. Send a check today to Mr. J. L. Oakes, treasurer, and tell him that your gift is for the expansion of the college during the summer months. Remember, we are workers together with God in this task.

## Presbyterian Summer Institute A Great Success

As we go to press, the third annual Presbyterian Summer Institute held on our campus has ended. This has been without question the largest and the most successful of the three. For the first time the women of the Northwest have felt that they had a real part in the program, and with their three capable leaders, the Misses Ellanore Ewing, Margaret Shannon, and Fern Colborn, classes were held daily which were well attended.

The work for the ministers and laymen was handled by Dr. Addison H. Leitch, Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary; Dr. John W. Bowman, San Francisco Theological Seminary; Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood, Princeton Theological Seminary; and Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Board of Christian Education.

A unique feature of the conference was the attendance of several ministers of the United Presbyterian Church. Including local friends who attended part of the institute, 150 were present for the five-day session.

## European Scholar

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has given many years of service to Whitworth and who is leaving partially because he wishes in the near future to complete his work for his doctorate degree. Hundreds of young people who had their work in German and French have a deep sense of appreciation to Professor Bachmont for his leadership over the years. He has been an excellent teacher, and we wish him well as he joins the faculty of the College of Puget Sound.

## Speech and Drama Department Expand

During the past few years the growth of the Speech Department has brought great satisfaction to the administration of the college. Honors have come to us through the excellent work of our students in all phases of speech and drama work.

Because of the growth of the college and the added interest in



this field, it has become necessary to give Professor Loyd B. Waltz another full-time teacher. Professor Victor J. Bachman joins our faculty this fall and will assist in speech, drama, and English. He is not a stranger to the program of the college, for his wife, the former Ruth Gouldin, successfully administered the women's physical education program a few years ago.

Mr. Bachman graduated from the State College of Washington majoring in speech and holds the Master of Arts degree in speech from Northwestern University. He has just completed a successful year of work at Pacific University, and he and Mrs. Bachman come to Whitworth because of their keen interest in the cause of Christian education and because they feel that at Whitworth they will have the greatest opportunity to make their contribution.

Professor Bachman is a young man of sterling Christian character and has proved to be one who can inspire, instruct, and challenge the students to greater effort. He will carry special responsibility for coaching debate and radio speech.



## New Teacher for Women's P. E.

For the past three years the women's program of physical education on our campus has been successfully administered by Mrs. Ruby Petry. A short time ago she expressed her desire to continue her graduate work, and reluctantly we accepted her resignation. Mrs. Petry has also been in charge of the women living in Ballard Hall and has endeared herself to many.

We are happy to announce the appointment of Mrs. Alyce Cheska of Duluth, Minnesota, as her successor. Mrs. Cheska is a graduate of the Duluth State Teachers College with a major in physical education. She has also had graduate work in the University of Minnesota in education. Last year Mrs. Cheska was director of religious education in the First Presbyterian Church of Duluth and is well recommended by her pastor and the young people of the church who have worked with her.

Her husband Daniel will be a student at Whitworth. They will live in one of the men's dormitories and be assistants to Dr. Maxson, the dean of men.

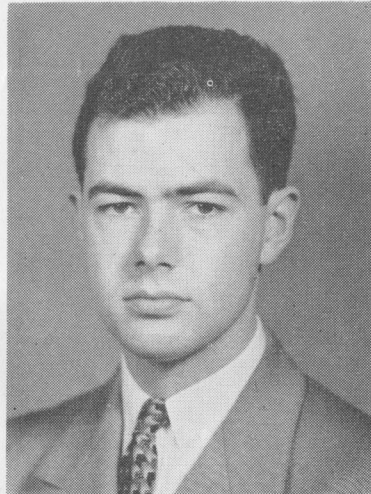
## Former Staff Member Returns

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we welcome back to our campus Miss Evelyn Smith. A few years ago Miss Smith was on our staff as a resident counselor. After a very successful year in this capacity she matriculated in the Biblical Seminary of New York and has just completed the two-year course leading to the degree of Master of Religious Education.

Miss Smith will be on the campus in two capacities. She will teach in the field of Christian education, offering some very necessary courses to those who are preparing for the work of director of religious education in churches. She will also be resident counselor in Ballard Hall. Miss Smith is widely known as a counselor of unusual ability, and as before, we know that she will be dearly loved by the women in her building.

## Professor James S. Legg Joins Biology Staff

Coming to take the place of Mrs. Nicolin Gray in the field of botany and physiology is Professor James S. Legg, late of the College of Puget Sound. Mr. Legg is a young man with an excellent



academic record in the field of biology and with some very valuable teaching experience. He has both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the College of Puget Sound, and comes very highly recommended as a skillful and energetic teacher.

Through all his college and university days he has been an active worker in the church and has taken a leading part in the religious activities of the various campuses in which he has studied. He is a young man with high ideals who has always been in active sympathy with the program of the church-related college and who is coming to Whitworth because of a keen interest in the program of Christian education.

We predict that he will be a very popular and efficient teacher in our Biology Department.

## Faculty Notes

Mrs. Alfred O. Gray, who started her teaching in the field of biology as Nicolin Plank, has resigned from the department of biology and is giving full time to the important work of being a housewife. Her contribution in the field of science at Whitworth and the excellent leadership she gave to Christian Endeavor are appreciated by many.

Mr. Gordon Peek finished his

## Helmuth Bekowies Joins Staff

Known and respected by all the students is Mr. Helmuth Bekowies, A.B., Whitworth College '48. The administration has engaged him for this coming year to work in the capacity of graduate manager and to have charge of the itineraries of the choir, speech and debate teams, quartets, and athletic teams. One great reason for the success of the Whitworth a cappella choir last year in its many tours was the unusual leadership given to it by Helmuth as manager.

Mr. Bekowies expects to continue his study within a short time for his Doctor's degree in psychology, looking forward to teaching in a Christian college, but we are delighted that we can have him for at least the next year in this important work. Along with his other duties, he will also have charge of the student work program for men on the campus. We know that under his skillful, genial leadership this phase of the college program will be well engineered.

year as instructor in the field of history and is continuing his work at the University of Washington for his Doctor's degree in history.

Professor Nikola L. Ovanin expects to continue his study in music this coming year in Columbia University. His major field is that of composition, and without question he has a unique contribution to make in this field. He already has won distinction as a composer and several of his pieces are now being published. The best wishes of the faculty and students will go with Professor Ovanin as he proceeds with his doctorate.

Mrs. Anna Jane Carrel is at this time taking another of her many trips across the ocean. Each summer Mrs. Carrel plans on spending her vacation in some part of the world from which she can receive inspiration and a better understanding of each country to bring back to her students and friends. She will spend the summer months in Portugal, Spain, Italy, and several western European countries but as always will be back in the fall full of new ideas, fascinating stories, and inspiration for all.

## Alumni Picnic At Postell's

Once again the genial Mr. and Mrs. Sam Postell have invited the Alumni to their home in the Spokane valley for the annual Alumni summer picnic. "Come early and stay late," the invitation reads. A buffet dinner will be served from 2:00 p.m. on, and movies will be shown later in the afternoon. Bring the whole family! What's an Alumni picnic without flocks of children? Sam and Alice live at 1119 North Bowdish in Opportunity. Make a note of the date: it's Sunday afternoon, September 5, the day before Labor Day.

## Alumni Notes

Helmuth Bekowies '48, and Mel Bovee Taylor '48, were co-winners of the 1948 Alumni Ideals Award at the banquet June 12. The presentation was made by Odin Baugh '47, who received the cup last year. Both graduates were so outstanding in their fields that the committee could not choose between them. Bekowies was manager of the a cappella choir and arranged all its tours; Mrs. Taylor excelled in dramatics, assisting Professor Waltz with several productions besides taking leading parts in others.

Len Richardson '39, along with his wife Evelyn and their two children, has returned to Spokane. Len, who has been coaching at Lompoc, California this past year, is now studying for his Master's degree in Education at Whitworth.

In the May issue of the American Bar Association Journal an article appeared on George Rossman '07, who is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon. The story gives a sketch of Judge Rossman's career from early training to his present elevated position and gives a comment on many of his opinions.

David D. Morris who was Whitworth Bookstore Manager and Alumni Executive Secretary from 1946-47 has recently been named assistant librarian at Whitman College in Walla Walla.

Jean Zutrau '46, takes time to notify us she is now Mrs. Edward W. Coble and mother of Beth Eloise, who was born May 18.

John Roth, Jr., '40, has given up his position with the Employment Security Department in Olympia



Nick Faber, Whitworth first-baseman from Oak Harbor, shows Miss Laura Brown, sister of the late Al Brown, the trophy and medallion presented him at commencement. The Al Brown Inspirational Award was given to the college by the former teammates of Brown, Whitworth graduate who was killed last fall in a school bus crash. Each year the trophy will be presented in honor of Brown to the baseball player voted by his teammates as the most inspiration to them. Those who donated the trophy were Paul Merkel, Sprague; Hubert Hull, Spokane; Don Steele, Milwaukee, Wis.; Robert E. Lee, Seattle; and Russell Rosenkranz, Yakima. Miss Brown, who came from Corvallis, Montana, to witness the presentation, will enter Whitworth as a student in September.

## Wedding Bells

The month of June brings a bumper crop!

Margie Laughlin '48, and Laurence Mansfield '47, were married in Tiffany Chapel on commencement day.

Mildred Neustel, daughter of Professor Neustel and a former student, and Lawrence Starr were

in order to engage in wheat farming near Harrington.

Stanley Newcomb, speech and dramatics professor from 1941 to 1944 and affectionately known as "Proctor" by the men of Whitworth Hall has accepted the position as head of the speech department at Dubuque University and Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

Peggy Cromer '47, has just opened a gift shop in partnership with her mother. She makes many of the souvenir articles herself. The shop is located on East Sprague in Spokane.

married June 15 and are living on the campus.

Marilynn James '48, and Laurence Van Hise, FS, were married June 20 in Centralia. They will live in Cheney where he will finish work on his degree.

Another June wedding brought Fay Hill '46, and Joe Davis, Whitworth student, together. They are living in the college units at Baxter Hospital.

Ava Mae Bainard FS '44-'45, and graduate of the University of Washington, and John Glomstad, U.W. senior, were married June 26.

## Class of 1970

Born to Don and Mae Lancaster McInturff '47, and '46, a son Kim on June 13.

Mrs. Ida Mae Berg has resigned as resident counselor for Westminster Hall and will be residing this coming year in Southern California.